

# RANK DECISION MAKES A DRAW OF CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE

## REAL FIGHTS AT GARDEN FURNISHED BY PRELIMINARIES

### AT THE GARDEN LAST NIGHT

By Thornton Fisher

Britton-Shade Bout, in Which Title Contender Is Outclassed by Veteran Champion, Uninteresting Compared With Fitzsimmons-Hanlon Bout—Verdict in Star Event Worst Ever Rendered in Big Arena.

By Vincent Treanor.

Jack Britton doesn't have any tougher time defending his welterweight title than he had against Dave Shade at the Garden last night, he will be champion until the boxing commissions shut down on him or retire him on a pension. For thirteen out of fifteen rounds Britton, the thirty-six-year-old veteran, did anything he wanted to do with his nineteen-year-old opponent. In the other two rounds, the ninth and tenth, to be specific, Britton layed up two heats as they say in trotting circles. He either wouldn't or couldn't knock out his man. In the thirteenth round he seemed to purposefully pull his punches. He landed often enough, but "placed" his blows where they would do the least harm. On top of all this the decision of a draw was announced by Joe Humphries, after he had collected the slips from the judges, Artie McGovern and Tommy Shortell and Referee Patry Haley. It was positively the worst decision ever rendered at the Garden. Ringsiders—those considered qualified to know a winner from a loser in almost any bout—couldn't even guess by what method of figuring such a result could be reached.

Shade, of course, was admirably willing and the aggressor, but his aggressiveness led him only into a bewildering assortment of left jabs, hooks, inside rights and other digs with both hands, on every spot from the top of his head to the belt line. He hurled himself at Britton incessantly and swung and swung but rarely hit the "old man" squarely.

NOT EVEN A CONTEST.

Britton only turned his head to avoid most of these attempts or stepped back gracefully out of range. Anything he took from Shade were punches he didn't bother about trying to avoid. From no angle could the affair be called a contest. It was just a one-sided boxing exhibition, such as Britton might go through in a gymnasium without musing his hair. And then that awful decision, for which there can be no reasonable excuse.

It should be said that Shade took a thousand punches more or less and finished without a mark on his face. His short ribs on the left side were spotted where Britton, to vary the monotony, stuck in trick right hook punches which he landed with the inside part of his wrist. It is a hard, effective punch.

While the Britton-Shade bout was the star event of the evening, it was uninteresting compared with the other fights. As it was fought it would serve as just a good preliminary to the Eddie Fitzsimmons-Jimmy Hanlon eight-round affair. Here was a regular battle, a corker. The crowd was in a continuous uproar during its progress. It was of the nip and tuck variety, with Fitzsimmons getting a well-earned verdict. He knew, however, at the end, with his left eye closed tight, that he hadn't been to a tea party.

KNOCKDOWNS IN FIRST.

In the very first round Fitz put Hanlon down with his southpaw Mary Ann on the chin, but right after that, in the same session, he was sunk to an almost sitting position by Hanlon's short inside rights. Fitz got up groggy and at the bell had Hanlon nearly on again. If Hanlon has been able to stand up under a Willie Jackson bombardment, he found early that he was up against a real puncher in Fitz.

They whaled away at each other through the second and third and it seemed as if one of them would have to go out. They stood toe to toe and exchanged rights and lefts to the body and head while the crowd cheered in approval of the action. Hanlon's elbow defense for his head saved him from another collision with the floor in the fourth, but Jimmy had succeeded meanwhile in putting Eddie's left eye in bad shape. In the sixth Fitz had the tough Hanlon in a bad way from two hard lefts to the short ribs. They hurt Hanlon plainly. He seemed about to cry from pain as each of these punches hit the mark.

They had expended a lot of steam by the time the seventh had arrived, but the eighth was another red hot session. Hanlon reached Fitz's jaw with two hard right— which made Eddie temporarily respectful. This round belonged to Hanlon.

ANOTHER HOT BATTLE.

The Pepper Martin-Tommy Noble semi-final was almost as good as the Hanlon-Fitz contest, and infinitely better than the star event. Martin took Noble by storm at the outset but Tommy, with the bell on his head, soon

got his bearings and with a left hook to the jaw nearly made Martin pitch forward from the ropes on his face. This took a lot of the "pup" out of Pepper. In the second Noble proved an artful dodger and had Martin missing a lot. Then with a pretty right hook he sent Martin floundering to the floor. Pepper disclaimed a count, and managed to stick it out to the bell. Martin hit the floor again, but mainly due to a slip in the third. Pepper started the fourth very suddenly in cyclone fashion and literally swept Noble off his feet to the canvas. Noble started to take a count but the bell rang at five. He got up and jumped to his nearby corner, saved.

Noble was the more certain hitter of the two and used up less energy in the seventh and eighth. The decision going to Martin, might better have been a draw.

The highly touted Andy Palmer had some of the shine taken off his reputation in the first bout of the night, when he failed to stop Jimmy O'Neil. The latter, picked evidently as a set up, gave Palmer a tough argument and only in the last two rounds did Andy have any clear advantage. He got the decision.

Col. Huston Is Peeved And Threatens to Trade Or Sell Mays and Ward

Report Has It That This Pair of Star Holdouts, Along With Another Player and a Bankroll, May Go to Browns for George Sisler and Urban Shocker.

By Boseman Bulger.

FOLLOWING their challenge of Aaron Ward and his claim for \$10,000 the Yank Colonels have stepped into the fight up to their necks. They now indicate a willingness to sell trade Carl Mays, the underhand ace, to any club that will meet them in a proposition. This Mr. Mays, mind you, is the man on behalf of whom they spent more than \$25,000 two years ago in a lawsuit.

But Carl has kicked over the traces—has demanded too much—and wants to go back on his own signed contract. The Colonels won't stand for it.

A telegraphic rumormongers came out of St. Louis last night—and that rumor is on a hot trail—that the Yanks have had the nerve or the ambition to begin angling for George Sisler. This is stepping high.

"How about that?" I asked Col. Huston early this morning.

"I can't discuss the rumor," he said, "but I can discuss that crack about nerve. We had nerve enough to go after Babe Ruth. I don't see where any of them come too high. Anybody, nobody was ever blamed for trying."

While neither of the Colonels would affirm or deny it, here is the substance of the rumor which had the inner circles agog late last night:

The Yanks would trade Carl Mays, Aaron Ward, a player not yet mentioned and a big bankroll to St. Louis for George Sisler, and with the possibility of counting Urban Shocker in a second proposition.

That sounds like aleighbels but, when asked about it, the Colonels merely shook their heads and said, "Well, why not?"

I cannot vouch for the rumor but I can vouch for this:

Unless Carl Mays cheerfully abides by his three-year contract made last spring he is going to be traded or sold to the club making the proposition that will add more strength to the Yanks. Aaron Ward, unless he signs soon, will be coupled in the betting.

Last spring the owners voluntarily increased Mays's salary and gave him a three-year contract. Now he wants that contract cancelled and a new one made. They say they won't do it.

Now the second trade possibility with material at hand is to trade Mays back to the Boston Red Sox for Dugan, the third baseman recently acquired by Frazee from the Athletics.

That one I think more likely of consummation. With Dugan on third in case Aaron Ward doesn't sign the Yanks would have an infield strong enough to push them over the wire again.

The Colonels are really more interested against Mays than Ward. They made such a bitter fight for him and then changed his contract so as to give him more money that they think him ungrateful, to say the least. He does not have to sign. Already he is under a three-year contract. The kick is that he wants the contract torn up and a new one made for his special benefit.

The announcement of Waite Hoyt having signed his contract a few days ago was premature. The young bridegroom came in yesterday afternoon, as a matter of fact, and put his name on the paper. He didn't get \$15,000, but he got enough to make many a young fellow at his age think he was reading fairy stories.

"I'm going to the Springs next week," said young Mr. Hoyt. "The terms are all very satisfactory. You know," he said as naively as a little boy, "my ambition is to be a second Mathewson in pitching science and I believe I can do it."

Hoyt and McNally start for Hot Springs Monday and they will pick up Babe Ruth at Chicago. The Bambino is finishing a vaudeville week at Milwaukee but will be through in time to start for the boiling out station. Ruth has indicated to the club owners that there will be no disagreement with him about salary.

The Babe, by the way, is one of the easiest ball players in all the business to get along with. Mathewson was that way and so was Hans Wagner.

The Giants are expecting big news from their supposed holdouts today. Most of the young men have kicked in with their contracts but Secretary Tierney is going right ahead making bookings and buying tickets for the others just the same as if they were already in the fold.

Both of the championship clubs have increased salaries to an average of twenty per cent, but they solemnly affirm that they will go farther.

It is rumored that several of the big leagues, as a reprisal for having been beaten in the draft proposition, will cancel their exhibition games with the Class A.A. leagues of the minor leagues. That ought to bring on some fun.

SEMI-FINALS TO-DAY IN SQUASH TOURNAMENT.

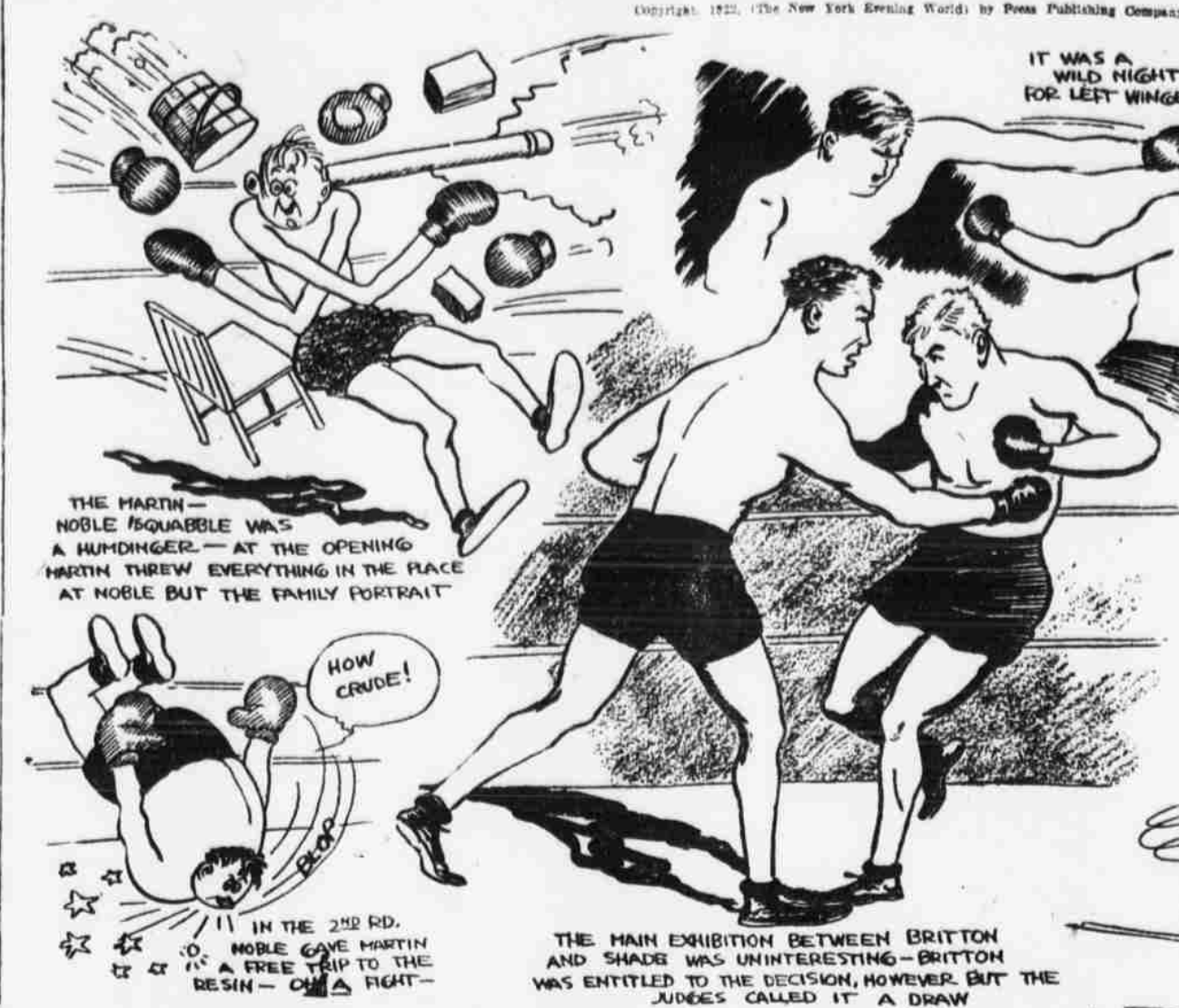
Form was duly observed in the playing of the fourth-round matches in the national individual championship on the courts of the Harvard Club. The four men who had been picked as the probable semi-finalists were in each case in straight games. The result is that Thomas R. Coward of the Yale Club and W. Prentice Sanger of the Harvard Club will oppose each other in the semi-finals, while the national champion, Filmore Van S. Hyde of the Harvard Club and Jay Gould of the Columbia Club will meet in the lower half.

WILLIE HARMON SCORES ANOTHER QUICK K. O.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 18.—At the Kennebec A. C. here last evening, Willie Harmon, the crack Boston 128-pounder, knocked out Tommy Jordan of New Bedford in two rounds of a scheduled twelve-round bout.

Cornell Five Whips Yale.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 18.—Cornell defeated Yale 31 to 23 in a battle between the chief rivals for the cellar station in the Intercollegiate Basketball League.



## Sport News At a Glance

Ted "Kid" Lewis, British welterweight boxer, knocked out Tom Gummer, the British middleweight, in the first round of their bout at Brighton, England.

The French committee in charge of the Olympic games for 1924 has rejected baseball as an official sport, selecting instead canoe racing to complete its programme.

Judge Landis, Baseball Commissioner, denied reinstatement to Ping Bodie and also barred Ben Shaw of Pittsburgh, from organized baseball.

Charley Deal, formerly of the Brooklyn Robins, will play third base for the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast.

Rabbit Maravilla, star shortstop of the Pittsburgh Pirates, returned his signed contract to the Corsairs.

The Rensselaer Poly swimming team defeated Brooklyn Poly in a dual meet in the pool of the latter by a score of 43 to 10.

## Rickard Resigns From Garden; Ringling Named Successor

"Tex" No Longer Connected With Affairs of Local Fight Club.

Tex Rickard is no longer President of Madison Square Garden. Rickard tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors at a recent meeting and the resignation was accepted. At the same meeting John Ringling, associate of Rickard and the real backer of the Garden, was elected President of the club.

The announcement of Rickard's resignation came from the State Athletic Commission in the following statement:

"At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Madison Square Garden Sporting Club, Inc., held on the evening of Feb. 16, 1922, the following officers were elected to administer the affairs of the club for the ensuing year:

"President, John Ringling; Vice President and Treasurer, John M. Kelly; Secretary, Richard Fuchs; Assistant Treasurer and General Manager, Frank G. Coultry; Matchmaker, Frank Flounroy.

"Mr. Ringling is the lessee of the Madison Square Garden and President of the Madison Square Garden Corporation."

Rickard's resignation and a general reorganization of the Madison Square Sporting Club forestalled an investigation threatened by the State Athletic Commission, with a view of determining whether or not the license to conduct boxing bouts should be revoked.

## JOIE RAY AGAIN AIMS TO SMASH A RECORD

Joie Ray of the Illinois A. C. will invade Brooklyn to-night in quest of more athletic glory. He will start in the 3,000-metre run at the annual games of the Wilcox A. A. in the 13th Regiment Armory, Summer and Jefferson Avenues.

Some of the other attractions are scratch sprint races at 50, 75 and 100 yards, with Harold Lever, Bernie Welfers Jr., Jackson Scholz, Eddie Farrell and Walter Conway among the entrants; the 3,000-metre walk in which Willie Plant will go after the record credited to the Danish walker Rasmussen; the 850-yard metropolitan championship, and the 200-yard metropolitan relay championship. All except three of the open races on the programme are special features.

As the fifteen-round bout between Willie Jackson of New York and Charley White of Chicago at the Garden on Monday night will be the first time these crack battlers have ever fought in this vicinity, there is an unusual amount of interest being

displayed by the local fight fans in the outcome of the battle. Each fighter has a large crowd of admirers and plenty of money will surely be wagered by them that their man gets the decision. A forfeit of \$1,000 has been posted by each man that he makes the required weight, 135 pounds, weigh in at 2 P. M.

Billy Gibson, manager of Champion Benny Leonard, to-day signed Benny to meet Johnny Clanton, the former New York lightweight, in a ten-round bout at a special boxing show to be held at the Big Arena Club in Boston on March 20. The proceeds are to be turned over to a fund for the poor of Boston. Gibson and Leonard will leave tonight for New Orleans, where Benny meets Al Moran in a ten-round battle at Torrey's open-air arena on next Friday night.

George Engel, manager of Harry Grab, the Pittsburgh fighter, has signed his batter for three fights. Monday night he meets Jeff Smith for ten rounds at Cincinnati, Feb. 28; he clashes with Billy Mike for ten rounds at the Armory A. A. in Boston on March 13; he will have his most important battle, going against Tom Gibbons in a ten-round decision fight.

The most important set of bouts ever offered for a boxing show at Scranton, Pa., will be seen at the Town Hall there Friday night: Johnny Dundee vs. Jimmy Hanlon of Denver, Young Elmer of Syracuse vs. Joe Chip of New Castle, Pa., Joe Tigitt vs. George Krue of Buffalo and Harold Parson vs. Danny Brown of Syracuse in ten-round bouts. Dick Willis of Baltimore vs. Chick Kansas of Buffalo for eight rounds.

Irish Johnny Curtin of Jersey City, who is surely coming to the front in the bantam division as a result of the numerous bouts he has won in the last six months, the latest win being over Abe Friedman of Boston in a ten-round bout at the Casino A. C. of Fall River, Mass., on Wednesday night, will make his eighth appearance in a fight at the above club on March 3, when he battles Terry Martin of Providence, R. I., for ten rounds.

John Weismann, manager of the Ringwood Grove Sporting Club of Brooklyn, will have Joe Conn, the English lightweight, meet Sailor Joe Kelly in the main go of twelve rounds at the club's weekly boxing show to-night. Conn takes the place of Archie Walker, who is laid up with a swollen arm. Joe McFarland made Danny Ross in the other twelve-round bout.

The Commonwealth Club of Harlem and the Rink Sporting Club of Brooklyn will stage boxing bouts to-night. Sid Marks vs. Eddie Crozier, Sammy Nable vs. Harry London and Benny Pontreus vs. Jack McVey in twelve-round bouts at the Commonwealth, while Pats Hartley vs. Bert Spencer, Andy Thomas vs. Ray West and Clem Johnson vs. Buddy Jackson in the twelve-round bouts at the Rink Sporting Club of Brooklyn.

Not only will K. O. Loughlin box Ralph Benhappert at Troy on Monday night, but on Wednesday he will box Jack Perry at Providence, the latter taking the place of Paul Doyle.

Yale Haven Beat Penn Again.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 18.—For the second time this season Yale last night defeated Pennsylvania at swimming, 46 points to 13, the Quakers failing to take a single first place. Gethner of the Quakers gave Jellies of Yale a spirited argument in the fifty-yard event, but the Eli sprinter finished in the rather slow time of 0:24 4-5.

## Exercise and Simple Food Beat All Medicine, Says Ten Eyck Explaining Coaching Success

Veteran Syracuse Rowing Chief Tells How to Fool the Doctor.

(Special to The Evening World.)

"HOW to keep in condition," has been the subject of many doctors and coaches but not until to-day did James A. Ten Eyck, veteran rowing coach at Syracuse University, ever come out and tell his rules for keeping good health.

The Syracuse coach, who is the best known rowing coach in America is never sick and never has to send out his S. O. S. call for any member of the medical fraternity.

"Keep out in the open air."

"Don't be lazy."

"Eat only when you are hungry."

"Mix brisk walking with running up hill."

"Take baths in medium cold water."

"Take any kind of good exercise."

"Rowing is also a good exercise."

"Sawing wood is also good to keep one in good shape."

The above are some of the things that Coach Ten Eyck advises.

When asked his rules on keeping in good health, Ten Eyck's answer to us was as follows:

"There are many and various ways to keep in condition and perhaps one way is as good as another. Inactivity, or plainly speaking, just common laziness and overeating cause many of us to carry around excess baggage and thus be in poor health. We try to dig our graves with our teeth."

"The word condition as applied to an athlete and particularly to an oarsman means health and that can be retained by either male or female by using just ordinary common sense in their daily mode of living."

"We humans are more or less lazy and when we are not compelled to do anything we just won't do a darn thing and then we pay a doctor to prescribe for us."

"We all get sick at times, of course, and then we call in 'Doc.' He feels our pulse, makes us stick out our tongue and then he mixes us some dope for us to take to make us sweat and perhaps lays down some training rules for us to follow."

"Now, with all due respect for the medical man and his profession, you can take it from me that a good natural sweat caused by violent exercise combined with a good bath and followed as a daily routine is worth more than all the medicine a doctor can tote around in his satchel."

"You might try this for six months

## "What They're Saying To-Day"

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"Weinert recovered from the swelled head which followed the pitching of winning ball and which caused him to forget all contract obligations."—Judge Landis in his decision reinstating Phil Weinert of the Syracuse Internationals.

"Good form has long been recognized as an essential in athletics, but good form, while in theory the basis of a high-grade performance, is often upset in practice when a man with no form proves a winner."—Walter Camp.

"Baseball is the national game. Let us make the pennant red, white and blue."—Col. Ruppert of the champion Yankees.

"If the rule goes through the team will resort to placement and drop kicking to score the extra point."—Coach Meehan of Syracuse, speaking of the proposed rule to abolish the goal after touchdown.

## ABOLISH COACHES TO SAVE ATHLETICS, AN AMHERST PLEA

College President Wants Control of Games Returned to Students.

Do away with paid coaches in college athletics—

Dispense with graduate and faculty control—

Return college athletics to the undergraduates, to whom they belong, so that they may again take their proper place in college life and make intercollegiate sports rest upon equal terms of competition—

These were the pleas urged last night by Alexander Meiklejohn, President of Amherst College, to 400 alumni of that institution at the Second Century Banquet of the Amherst Association of New York at the Biltmore.

College athletics, he declared, have been taken away from undergraduates and placed in joint boards of control, composed of graduates, faculty members and students, who are not responsible to any one group. The result has been, he pointed out, to make college sports subject to the management of paid coaches who make the rules of the game, originate the plays and "use the undergraduates as their puppets to achieve glory for themselves."

"An intercollegiate game," he said, "is, or ought to be, a contest between undergraduates of two competing colleges. It should be managed by undergraduates, coached by undergraduates and played by undergraduates. Our national vice of over-administration has robbed the game of its proper character. Our games are managed by outsiders and in a very real and lamentable degree played by outsiders."

He blamed the college authorities who, he declared, in trying to restore college sports lost control of them by giving part of their management to alumni and faculty members. The latter, he said, enlarged the scope of athletic management and brought about great public relations and exaggeration of the importance of the games until great bowls, stadiums and coliseums were built to people to witness games. "Two or three two colleges, but between the arms of coaches who use the undergraduates as puppets for the game they play."

"That boys are taken into colleges principally so they can play in these games is due to the outsiders bringing them in," he declared. "We college authorities, have foolishly attempted to control and direct these games. It is time we give them the freedom, demanding at the same time that they respect the rights of those activities we have in control."

"Good sports rest upon equal terms of competition, and so it is hard for any college to do much alone. But by co-operation, we might work our way back out of the desert or the tundra. If only Harvard, or Yale, or Princeton, or all three would call a conference and announce the 'scrapping' of the Boards of Control and the 'scraping' especially of coaches, the way to peace might be found."

"Coaches are scouring the country for material, promising likely tuition and even pay to come to the schools. One man recently told me a certain coach of a successful college team offered him \$1,200 a year to come to him."

"And this sort of management has had for the players themselves, the writers of the sport writers, the plaudits and commendation are having a worse effect on the boys than the coliseums and stadiums."

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